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# MEDICAID MEMO

**TO:** Providers of EPSDT Personal Care and Nursing Services

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**MEMO:** Special

**DATE:** July 9, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Rate Changes for EPSDT Personal Care and Nursing Services

The purpose of this memo is to notify providers of changes to rates for personal care services (including service facilitation for consumer-directed personal care), private duty, and congregate nursing services covered under the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program.

As described in the Medicaid Memo dated May 27, 2010, rates for waiver services, with the exception of nursing services furnished to members in the Technology Assisted Waiver, will be reduced five percent, per Item 297.NNN of the 2010 Appropriation Act. A similar five percent reduction applies to the same personal care and nursing services furnished to members receiving these services under the EPSDT program, also per Item 297.NNN of the 2010 Appropriation Act. EPSDT nursing services are not included in the exception to the rate reduction. The chart below highlights the reimbursement rates for personal care and nursing services covered under the EPSDT program for dates of service on or after July 1, 2010:

Early Prevention Screening and Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)			
National Code	Location	Code Description	Rate Effective 7/1/2010
99509	NOVA	Service Facilitation; Routine Visit	\$68.79
99509	ROS	Service Facilitation; Routine Visit	\$52.92
H2000	NOVA	Service Facilitation; Initial Comprehensive Visit	\$221.17
H2000	ROS	Service Facilitation; Initial Comprehensive Visit	\$170.37
S5109	NOVA	Service Facilitation; Consumer Training Visit	\$220.12
S5109	ROS	Service Facilitation; Consumer Training Visit	\$169.32
S5116	NOVA	Service Facilitation; Management Training Hours	\$27.51
S5116	ROS	Service Facilitation; Management Training Hours	\$21.17
T1028	NOVA	Service Facilitation; Reassessment Visit	\$111.12
T1028	ROS	Service Facilitation; Reassessment Visit	\$84.66
S5126	NOVA	Consumer Directed Personal Assistance/Attendant Care	\$10.90
S5126	ROS	Consumer Directed Personal Assistance/Attendant Care	\$8.42
T1019	NOVA	Personal Care	\$14.44
T1019	ROS	Personal Care	\$12.26
S9123	NOVA	Private Duty Nursing/RN	\$29.93
S9123	ROS	Private Duty Nursing/RN	\$24.64
S9124	NOVA	Private Duty Nursing/LPN	\$25.94
S9124	ROS	Private Duty Nursing/LPN	\$21.39

T1030	NOVA	Congregate Nursing/RN	\$19.95
T1030	ROS	Congregate Nursing/RN	\$17.31
T1031	NOVA	Congregate Nursing/LPN	\$17.96
T1031	ROS	Congregate Nursing/LPN	\$15.69

With the exception of the congregate nursing rates, these rates are available on the Procedure Fee File at [www.dmas.virginia.gov](http://www.dmas.virginia.gov) under What's New. Where there are different rates for the same procedure code, the rates for procedure type 1 apply to EPSDT. The rates for EPSDT personal care and nursing services are also available under Maternal and Child Health at [www.dmas.virginia.gov](http://www.dmas.virginia.gov).

The Appropriation Act, however, would rescind waiver rate reductions, including personal care and nursing services in the EPSDT program, if Congress extends, through June 30, 2011, the additional federal funding for Medicaid originally included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. If the reductions are not implemented, DMAS will notify providers through the remittance advice.

#### **ALTERNATE METHODS TO LOOK UP INFORMATION**

As of August 1, 2009, DMAS authorized users now have the additional capability to look up service limits by entering a procedure code with or without a modifier. Any procedure code entered must be part of a current service limit edit to obtain any results. The service limit information returned pertains to all procedure codes used in that edit and will not be limited to the one procedure code that is entered. This is designed to enhance the current ability to request service limits by Service Type, e.g., substance abuse, home health, etc. Please refer to the appropriate Provider Manual for the specific service limit policies.

#### **ELIGIBILITY VENDORS**

DMAS has contracts with the following eligibility verification vendors offering internet real-time, batch and/or integrated platforms. Eligibility details such as eligibility status, third party liability, and service limits for many service types and procedures are available. Contact information for each of the vendors is listed below.

Passport Health Communications, Inc. <a href="http://www.passporthealth.com">www.passporthealth.com</a> <a href="mailto:sales@passporthealth.com">sales@passporthealth.com</a> Telephone: 1 (888) 661-5657	SIEMENS Medical Solutions – Health Services Foundation Enterprise Systems/HDX <a href="http://www.hdx.com">www.hdx.com</a> Telephone: 1 (610) 219-2322	Emdeon <a href="http://www.emdeon.com">www.emdeon.com</a> Telephone: 1 (877) 363-3666
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#### **“HELPLINE”**

The “HELPLINE” is available to answer questions Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on state holidays. The “HELPLINE” numbers are:

1-804-786-6273    Richmond area and out-of-state long distance  
 1-800-552-8627    All other areas (in-state, toll-free long distance)

Please remember that the “HELPLINE” is for provider use only. Please have your Medicaid Provider Identification Number available when you call.